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SIR:

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5 line 1, delete "any";

line 2, replace "one of claims 1 to 4" with

--claim 1--.

Please add the following claims 6-8.

6. The semiconductor laser device according to claim 2, wherein the coefficient of light confinement to the active layer ranges from 1% to 2%.

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